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Santa is wearing a Stethoscope

Pediatrics practice gives early Christmas gift to local library

Pawleys Pediatrics and Adult Medicine has conferred a generous donation to **The Library Center – Waccamaw** which will enable building of the new Children’s Room and Story-Time Room.

“We are overwhelmed with the generosity of these doctors,” Library Director Dwight McInvaill said. “Donations like this allow us to build a truly state of the art community and learning center that will serve the area for generations to come.”

Pawleys Pediatrics and Adult Medicine – including doctors Larry Kelly, Scott Nicol, David Haseltine, Julia Wren and Mary Beth Ross – feel the library is an integral part of the community and wanted to help contribute to the building.

“Our local families and children have enabled us to make a living here in Pawleys Island, and we wanted to be able to give something back to them,” stated David Haseltine. “Literacy is highly important for our community, as it allows our children and adults to understand their health issues better, to be able to take their medicine properly, and to provide a good foundation for a healthy and successful life.”

The Library Center – Waccamaw has been twelve years in the planning and fundraising stages, and now, things are moving forward quickly. A contractor will be approved early in January of 2014, construction is planned to begin by the end of the same month, and it is hoped that the doors of the new library will open by the end of 2014.

The planned library and community center is a 16,762 square-foot showcase complete with an auditorium, meeting rooms, exhibit areas, study and reading areas, a Heritage Center, a Technology Center, a mini-Business Center, and special spaces for adults, teens and children.

“The population growth on the Waccamaw Neck has made this space crucial,” McInvaill said. “Residents need access to resources and technology, and spaces to meet, study and plan. **The Library Center- Waccamaw** is going to be at the heart of our community, providing a comprehensive, community-focused service.”

There are other naming opportunities for generous local businesses and groups, including the auditorium, adult reading room and two conference rooms. There are also opportunities to purchase personalized walkway bricks, a shelf of books, garden benches, computer work stations and decorative plantings. For more information on the library, visit the TLC-Waccamaw

web pages on the library's website:

<http://georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov/aboutus/LibraryCenter/Pages/default.aspx>

"So many wonderful individuals and companies have donated to this cause," McInvaill said.

"Best of all, it's a gift we can all benefit from."